

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

Serial No.: **09/676,835**

Examiner: **Meller, M.V.**

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Art Unit: **1651**

For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND  
DETECTING FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION**

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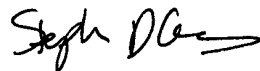
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2002, in the above-identified application be extended for three (3) months, to and including November 29, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 is included to cover this fee. Please charge any additional fees required for this extension or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Step D Adams', is written over a horizontal line.

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